2.6 GUJARAT

2.6.1 Administration: The department of Gujarat State Archives has at present under its control two record offices at Vadodara and Rajkot. The present strength of the staff at the headquarters (Ahmedabad) is 23 and that of the Record Offices of ~~Vadodara~~ Vadodara and Rajkot is 15 and 16 each respectively.

2.6.2 Budget: During the period under review a sum of Rs.2,94,150 was spent out of the budget provision of Rs.3,30,000 on the non-plan side, while on the plan side a sum of Rs.1,32,289 was spent out of the budget provision of Rs. 1,50,000. For 1979-80 a sum of Rs.4,05,000 has been provided on the non-plan side and a sum of Rs.1,80,000 on the plan side.

2.6.3 Building: The Government of Gujarat has agreed in principle to build a separate building for the archives at Gandhinagar and for this an administrative sanction of Rs.33 lakhs ~~xxxxx~~ has been accorded. The Honoureble Chief Minister of Gujarat,Shri Babubhai J.Patel laid the foundation stone for the archives building on the 28th December, 1978. An expenditure of Rs.7.50 lakhs was incurred during the year under report towards construction.

2.6.4 Record Management: During the year, 64519 files pertaining to 23 erstwhile states and Political Agent, Kathiawad, Judicial Agent, Kathiawad and Political Agency were appraised. Besides, 380 files and 1256 Court cases at Baroda office and 368 files of Rajkot Regional Office were appraised. ~~xxx~~ Out of these ~~xxxxx~~ 6%, 27% and 13% respectively were marked for retention.

2.6.5 Research and Reference: During the period under review 11 research scholars availed themselves of the research facilities at the Record Office Vadodara and 3 research scholars availed of the research facilities at the Record Office Rajkot. 100 records were requisitioned by Government agencies, while 615 records were requisitioned by scholars. Besides, queries received from 50 scholars were attended to.

2.6.6 Reference Media: Work regarding preparation of descriptive lists of records under the custody of the Vadodara branch has been taken up. During the period under review, 48 ferist registers and 7025 files were descriptively listed.

2.6.7 Publication Programme: Since the Department is in its initial stages of development, it is not possible to undertake publication work at this stage.

2.6.8 Preservation of Records: At the Vadodara office, 175 records were flattened, 200 records were repaired with tissue paper and acetate foil and 100 records were guarded. 540 books at Ahmedabad, 101 at Vadodara and 73 at Rajkot, were bound. 2756 files at Vadodara and 2228 files at Rajkot received minor repairs.

2.6.9 Photo-Duplication: No work in this regard was undertaken during the period under review.

2.6.10 Library: Collection of books of archival importance from different districts and taluka offices was continued and during the period under report 114 books were acquired by the Gujarat State Archives. The total number collected so far is 17,360. The work is being intensified.

2.6.11 Other Activities: The Director of Gujarat State Archives, Ahmedabad and Superintendent, Gujarat State Archives attended the meeting of Junagadh District Record Survey Committee which was held on 29th June, 1978 under the Chairmanship of the Collector, Junagadh District. The Superintendent, Record Office Vadodara, attended the District Record Survey Committee meeting of Panchmahal District at Godhara on 5th August, 1978. He also attended the meetings of District Record Survey Committee of Vadodara and Bharuch on 22nd June,1979 and 24th June,1979 respectively.

Shri C.B.Pandya, Superintendent, Gujarat State Archives, Ahmedabad attended the 46th Session of the Indian Historical Records Commission, and also the meeting of National Committee of Archivists held on the occasion at Aurangabad.

As part of the programme of celebration of Archives Week a "RUPAK" was broadcast on 10th August 1978 by the All-India Radio, Ahmedabad in which Shri C.M. Atri, Shri C.B.Pandya, Director and Superintendent, Gujarat State Archives and Dr. F.R.Sareen, Archivist, National Archives of India, New Delhi took part.

Shri R.V.Soni, Superintendent Record Office, Rajkot was deputed to the National Archives of India, New Delhi, for One-Year Diploma Course in Archives-Keeping. The Research Assistants at the headquarters and the regional offices at Vadodara and Rajkot were given training in appraisal, weeding, classification, preparation of retention schedule, etc., from the 1st May to the 6th May, 1978.